



Water your Mind!
Summer Reading 2010

Across the Ocean

International Authors

Longest Journey

by Betty McInnes - Scotland

McInnes sets her far-ranging historical drama against the small-town backdrop of 1848 Scotland and the raw, unsettled expanse of convict-colonized Australia, using class distinctions, the inequitable legal system, and Britain's greed for cheap, expendable labor to expertly paint a vivid, dramatic world. (FIC Mci)

Gift of Rain

by Tan Twan Eng - Malaysia

Nominated for the Man Booker Prize, this epic debut set in Penang in the years just before and during the Second World War, explores the consequences of love and duty, and tells the story of a young man's perilous journey through the betrayals of war and into manhood. (FIC Eng)

Half Life

by Roopa Farooki - Pakistan

Orange Award for New Writers nominee Farooki returns with this luminous new work about love and its powerful hold across time and place. In this compelling tale, novelist Farooki (*Bitter Sweets*) follows Bengali doctor Aruna Ahmed Jones, who has impulsively married a British physician, hoping to forget a tragic romance with her old friend Ejaz Jazz Ahsan, whom she left behind in Singapore's Little India. (FIC Far)

Agaat

by Marlene Van Niekerk - South Africa

Set in apartheid-era South Africa, *Agaat* portrays the unique relationship between Milla, a 67-year-old white woman, and her black maidservant turned caretaker, Agaat. (FIC Van)

***The Case of the Missing Servant* by Tarquin Hall - England**

The first in an irresistible new detective series introduces Vish Puri, who styles himself as the best private investigator in India. His main gig is running background checks, but bigger, more sensational cases are coming his way. (FIC Hal)

***The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* by Steig Larsson - Sweden**

The exhilarating conclusion to bestseller Larsson's Millennium trilogy (following *The Girl Who Played with Fire*) finds Lisbeth Salander, the brilliant computer hacker who was shot in the head in the final pages of *Fire*, alive, though still the prime suspect in three murders in Stockholm. (FIC Lar)

***Island Beneath the Sea* by Isabel Allende - Argentina**

Allende, four years after *Ines of My Soul*, returns with another historical novel. Opening in Saint Domingue a few years before the Haitian revolution would tear it apart, the story has at its center Zarité, a mulatto whose extraordinary life takes her from that blood-soaked island to dangerous and freewheeling New Orleans. (FIC All)

***The Angel's Game* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon - Spain**

From the author of the international phenomenon *The Shadow of the Wind* comes *The Angel's Game*, a new page-turner about the perilous nature of obsession, in literature and in love. Through a dizzyingly constructed labyrinth of secrets, the magic of books, passion, and friendship blend into a masterful story. (FIC Rui)